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FISH OF THE WEEK

Doug Dreyer of Shelton, Conn. won this week's contest with a 21 lb. bluefish. The big blue took a herring bait while fishing aboard the Montauk charter boat, "Easy Rider."

FISHING CONTEST

This month's contest winner is Miss Jane Tarallo of East Northport (sorry fellows, we are not allowed to give the address). This pretty young lady entered a 3 lb. 9 oz. weakfish which she landed while fishing with her dad on the family boat "Thumper" outside of Northport Harbor.

Jane is now $50.00 richer (sorry fellows, it's already in the bank). She also won an assortment of tackle which includes: a Garcia Mitchell Reel (Model 624), a 360° Swivel Boat Seat by Seaways, Inc., ¼ spool of mono by U.S. Line, assorted Tri-Fin Lures, 6 packs of Freeze Dried Redi Bait, 2 Rebel Super Minnows, 3 Point Jude Lures (Pop-A-Long, Bass Akward and Cutlass), a Luhr Jensen Twinkle Fly, 2 Pink Lady Plainers, 2 Fire Island Drop Backs and Shrimp Tout by Boone Bait. With any luck her dad may let her use some of the booty.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are forced to cancel the L.I.F. Contest.

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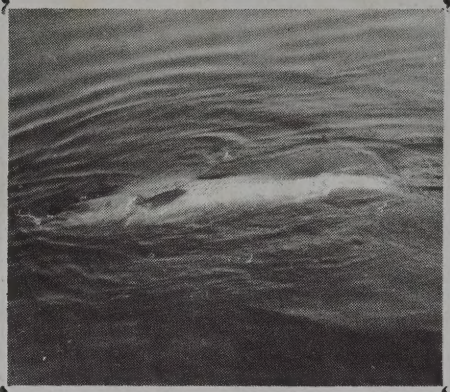

Terry Tuffini of the Bronx, N.Y. is this week's winner, with this photo of a bass who seems to be relaxing off of Hart's Island. The fish wasn't hooked before or after the photo was taken.

In this contest, one photo, judged to be of general interest to fishermen, is chosen by the Long Island Fisherman's staff each week.

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L.I.F.E. LINES

AS A FLEDGLING organization, L.I.F.E. (Long Island Fishermen for Ecology) is in no position to answer the many letters it received since its existence was publicized in these pages some weeks ago. However, as promised, we will keep in touch with the concerned public through periodic columns in the Long Island Fisherman Magazine which is donating space for this purpose. General and specific questions will be answered and progress reports will be made through the L.I.F.E. LINES column.

Many of the letters we have received to date have asked for more information; all of the writers have volunteered their help. We do need help, and we will need more and more as time goes on. All those who would like to volunteer their services should continue to send in their names, addresses and phone numbers. These will be kept on file. For the time being, you will not receive membership material of any kind. But when we need a helping hand, you'll be called.

Right now, and for the foreseeable future, the most important help we need is in the identification of specific despoilers of our natural marine environment. We want to know the exact sources of pollution, the specific dredgers and fillers of marshlands, the names of any person or boat guilty of littering, or any other concrete lead on marine destruction. The L.I.F.E. organization will then help you gather the evidence and present it to the correct parties, so that illegal acts associated with environmental destruction can be duly prosecuted.

The purpose of L.I.F.E. is to "maximize the natural marine environment of Long Island." This goal is to be reached through education, action and self-change:

EDUCATION as to which environmental threats are the most serious;

EDUCATION as to what the existing laws regarding environmental destruction are;

EDUCATION as to how the citizens can help enforce these laws.

ACTION in terms of forcing issues;

ACTION in terms of reporting violations in the most effective way;

ACTION in terms of following-through on every case.

SELF-CHANGE in the direction of greater awareness of our own role in environmental degradation;

SELF-CHANGE toward increased participation in the environmental struggle.

At this writing L.I.F.E. has received notice of its first case of environmental degradation. A specific restaurant in Suffolk County has been cited as maintaining an outflow pipe directly into the water. As an illustration of how L.I.F.E. intends to operate, one of our members will visit the site, take samples of the effluent, and photograph the alleged violator. The particular pipe in question will be in violation if it is not registered with the Army Corps of Engineers; it will be in further violation if it does not have a permit from the Corps. An effluent pipe in the

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FRONT PAGE PHOTO

Subscriber Paul Bereswill took his girlfriend and father to Montauk recently for bluefish. They chartered the "Jean III," skippered by Capt. Larry Keller. The three anglers ended up with 30 jumbo blues of which some were triple headers. Capt. Keller and mate Richie Nestle were friendly and accommodating as well as true professionals at their trade.

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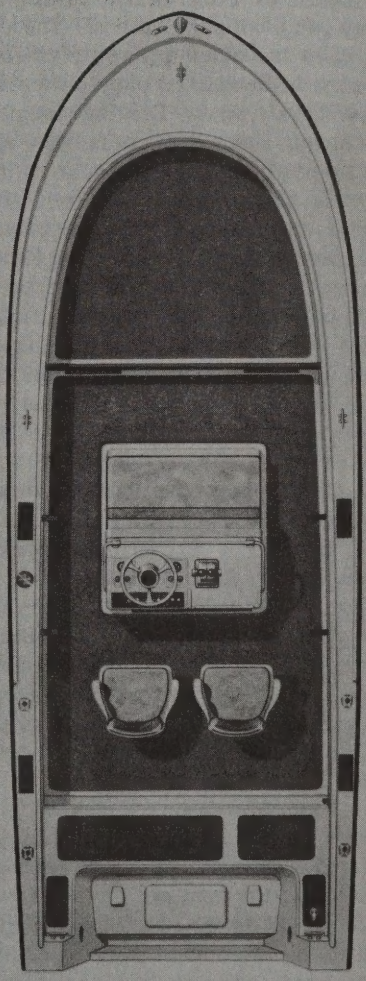

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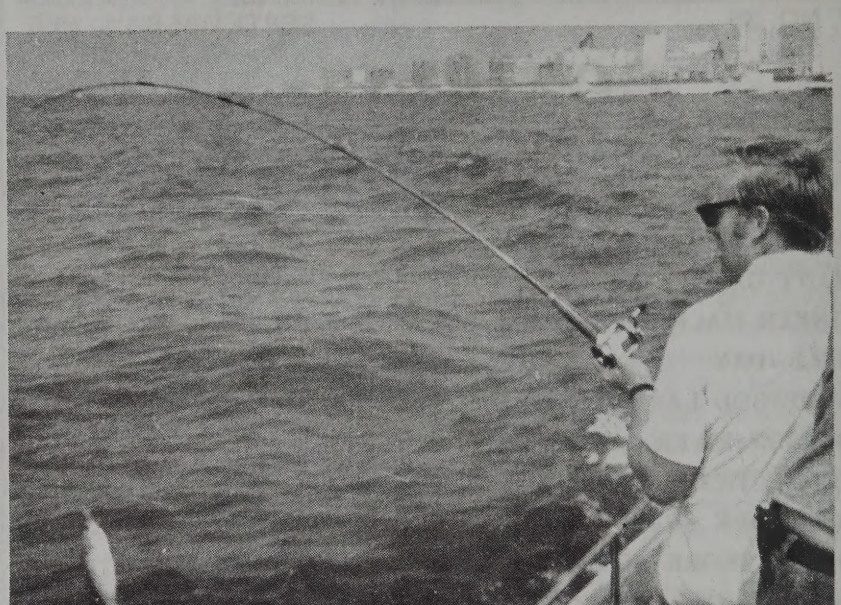
BUNKER DUNKIN

by Dick Mermon



Cast the bunker towards the beach or stones into the rip.

THE USE of the whole bunker for bait, live or dead, began right here on the south shore of Long Island. One sharp striped bass fisherman kept the secret of this type of fishing only a short time; then the cat got out of the bag. For about a week straight, he and his partner were consistent in catching over twenty pound fish and several in each days run. One day another fisherman saw this crafty salt and observed his new method and that was that. As others learned of this new method, they too relayed the secret to fellow fishermen, etc., etc. The idea of fishing was learned by observation, and thought, not by conversation.

Jack Vigiano, of Freeport, Long Island, was the first to start the "bunker dunkin" fishing for the big linesiders. One day he and his partner were out off the beach of Long Beach, casting big Atom plugs into the stones. The day was calm and quiet, with only an occasional swirl behind the plug to show for a half days fishing. Drifting along the beach, out about 100 yards, they saw a school of bunker spray out of the water and then a giant tuna boil after one of the bunker. Then it happened again, and again. While the other fisherman was eating lunch, Jack scooped up a crippled bunker and put him on the hook, took the boat into the beach, dropped the crippled bunker near the tip of the stones and retreated out. As he was free-spooling the line out, the bunker was hit by a bass. He tried this several times again and the results were amazing.

Even I was surprised and shocked at the results. I was one of the last to be brought into the light, only because of being a member of the Long Beach Striped Bass Club. "I did not suffer enough," they said, and any striped bass fisherman knows that you have to suffer a little before you can catch the big ones.

Joel Abromson, a fellow club member at the time, and one who has suffered plenty, took me aside and showed me the light one day. This was a rebirth to me and I hurt a little, for he had six bass in the boat before I even knew what a hit was like. At the end of the day, we had fifteen cow bass, from twenty-five to fifty-one pounds, in the boat and one broken rod. The Wynn II listed to one side as she came to dock that day.

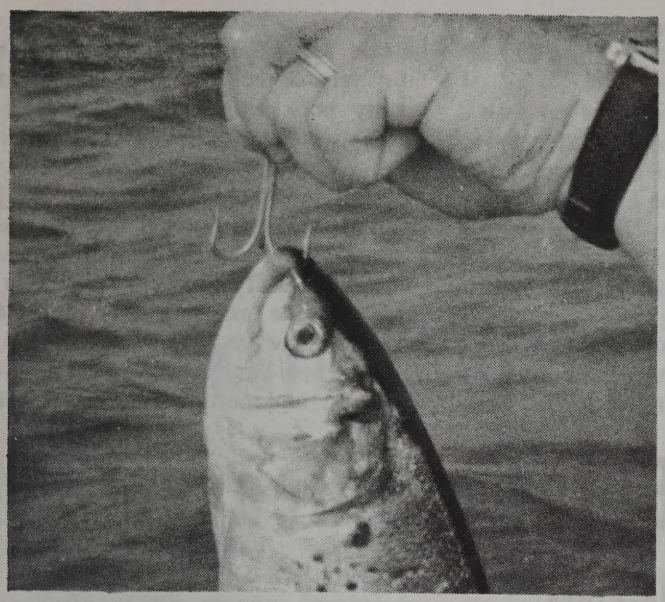
This bunker dunkin' fishing does not require any special tackle. A slightly stiff surf rod somewhere in the 7 to 9 ft. class; a reel that will hold 200 yards or more of thrity to fifty pound test line; some 5 or 6/0 hooks; a few half-ounce split shots, and some large snap swivels.

Now for the business end of the fishing, the bunker or menhaden. The bait can be obtained either from other fellows who net their own bunker, from the commercial bunker boats that will sell a bushel of bunker for a few dollars, a gill netter that works the beach with his gill nets, or snag your own. One thing is for sure and that is the fact that the bunker has to be FRESH. Old frozen or stale bunker will not produce bass as the fresh does. This is because bunkers have a slime on them. This slime gives off the aroma in the water that the bass want. Stripers know the difference and only occasionally will they be caught on old bunker.

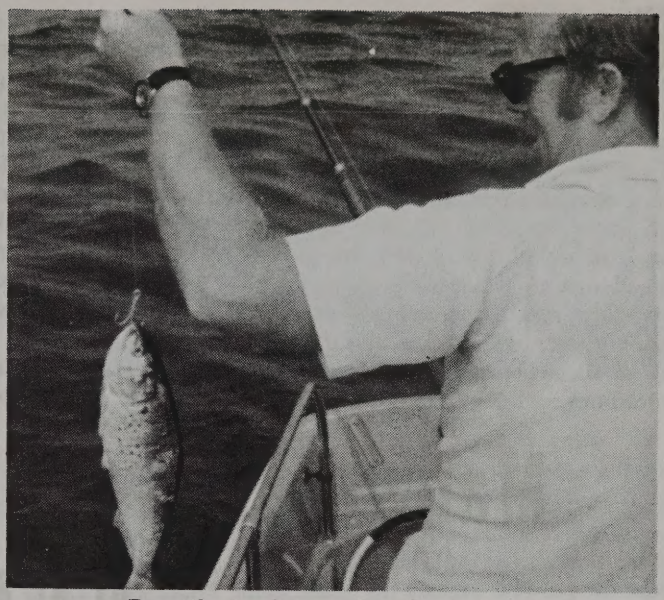
The bunker can be fished from either a boat or from the stone jetties. I know a fellow who took his surf board out to the commercial bunker boats, picked up several bunker, went back to the beach and rigged up a surf spinning rod. He put on a bunker, took himself, rod and bait to the tip of a Long Beach (Long Island) jetty on his surf board, and dropped the bunker over the side. He got a pick-up, hooked the fish, let it run, paddled back to the beach, and fought and landed a bass of some thirty pounds. Just to prove it was not an accident, he did it once again and landed another bass of twenty some odd pounds. This is the hard way of fishing the bunker! The easy way is from a boat.

First, rig the rod the following way: At the end of the line is a snap swivel. Attached to a 5/0 or 6/0 treble hook is a three foot leader of fifty or sixty pounds. This leader is looped and attached to the snap. The bunker is then hooked from the lower jaw up through the upper jaw, so that the mouth is closed tight with one of the hooks on the treble. The other two hooks will lay right next to the outside of the mouth. The reason for using the treble hook instead of a single hook is for security - one holds the bait, the other two do the dirty work.

The boat is run in towards the beach, near a pocket or the tip of a jetty, where a rip is located. The bunker is either cast in or dropped into the rip. Free spool slack line as the boat is taken out into deeper and safer water again. One way to do it is to run into the beach fast, point the nose of the boat out into the oncoming heaves, back her



Treble hooks placed in the bunker, for bunker dunkin'.



Drop the bunker overboard into the rip.

into a near the spot, drop or cast the bunker, then get the hell out of there free spooling the bait as you go so that it settles. Now that your out in safe waters, some fifty to seventy yards out, let the boat drift and work the bait so it flutters up - then down - as it works in the rip. Make the bunker act as if it were injured. If there is a bass around, it won't take him long to find that bunker, because of the smell. The hit or pick-up may come in several different ways. It may come as a slight tick on the end of the line. It may be a light pull off the reel in a steady stream. Then again, it may be a bing, bing, then stop, then a bing bing again as a light tap, than a run off. Another way may be a terrific shot that birdies up your reel if you don't watch it. At any rate, give the fish time to run with the bait. Sometimes they will pick it up, then stop and turn it around to swallow it. Other times they will just grab it head first and down it goes. Timing is up to you; just give him a little bit of a run, then sock it to him and hang on. The first run will be the test run. If you hold him for the first run, nine times out of ten you will beat the fish. The rest is up to you. Now, if you keep getting hits, the bunker dented and scaled on the sides but never taken down, it is a sign of small fish. These stripers are trying to get the whole thing down, or grabbing it tail first, finding it too big, then spitting it out. Try cutting the bunker in half on an angle and use the tail half only. This way the piece is small enough for the fish to take it down. Just hook it and work it the same as you would a whole bunker.

The north shore bunker dunkers have a little more trouble in obtaining their bait. They have to snag them with weighted treble hooks. They cannot use gill nets as the fellows on the south shore do. After several bunker are snagged and put into a live bait well, water barrel, small plastic bath tub, garbage pail, or anything suitable to keep the bunker alive, they race off to their favorite spots and use them live. A single 8/0 hook or a single treble 6/0 hook is placed in the back, in front of the dorsal fin and the bunker is allowed to swim freely. Sometimes a big bobber or some kind of float is used to keep the bunker from getting down into the rocks. The same method is used when the hit comes; let him run a little, then hit him and sink the hook.

Spotting bunker to snag is not at all difficult. A change in the water surface, sort of an oil slick, is a sign that bunker are swimming near the surface or just below it. Then there will be an occasional flip or flash of a fish breaking the surface. These, too, will be bunker. Alot of short ripples and flips on the surface will be caused by schooling bunker bait. There may be a lot of ripples on the surface and then a tremendous boil with bunker spraying into the air. This is a sign of big bass, blues or sharks picking at the schools and chasing them to the top in a frenzy. Spot any of these conditions and cast a weighted treble hook into the school, let it settle, then jig, hard. There are so many bunker in a balled-up school that you can't miss. I use two other

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Arrow shows the splash of the thrown bunker into the tip of the jetty.

Many Gates To Bluefish Heaven

By Al Reinfelder

(Part 1—TROLLING)

BLUEFISHING comes to an all season peak at this time of the year, as does the frenzy of anglers anxious to harvest this gamey crop. Seasoned pluggers and trollers are sure of success as the mercury drops and the fish's appetites rise, and many novices will score amazing victories as their rods dip ceaselessly under the yanks and plunges of reckless choppers. Yet, inevitably, some fishermen will end the season dissatisfied. A few old pros will tire of the repetition of tried and true procedures, while a number of newcomers will be frustrated repeatedly by their lack of some fundamental skill or piece of equipment.

The beauty of bluefishing lies - in part - in the great variety of methods, lures and baits, which can be used to subdue this great fish. What follows is a review of bluefishing techniques from the sublimely simple to the far-out ridiculous.

I. TROLLING: Perhaps the most popular method of bluefishing on Long Island is trolling. In this game, any boat can play, but some losers are inevitable. The single most important aspect of trolling is to keep your lines at the level of the feeding fish. If the fish are on top, monofilament or braided line is preferred to wire or lead core line. However, because bluefish schools are often quite "thick" or "deep," strikes can be obtained on weighted lines, as long as they are kept relatively short. As for the length of line to be used, unweighted lines should be just long enough to prevent approaching blues from being frightened by the boat. A quiet inboarder can often troll blues 30 or 40 ft. from the stern. I/O and outboard fans should let out a minimum of 100 ft., however. Wire line and lead-core trollers should work approximately 75 ft. of weighted line and a minimum of 25 ft. of leader. At normal bluefish trolling speed this will take your lures down no more than 8 ft. which if fine.

If the fish are not on the surface, they may be anywhere from 5 ft. down to right on the bottom. A depth finder may help you pin-point this level. If the blues are somewhere between 15 and 100 ft. down, you will be able to pick up their sonar echoes on either a flashing or recording unit.

You will not see blues on your electronic gear if they are just below the surface (from 1' to 15' approx.) or if they are right on the bottom. (This is because the shallow fish will move away from the approaching boat; while the deepest fish's signals blend in with the bottom readings.)

If you have no electronic gear, gradual experimentation will eventually lead you to the productive level. The important thing is to constantly vary your lure's level until you score consistently.

For anything but surface trolling, wire or lead core line is recommended. If you are hard pressed, a drail can be put into service, but it is not easy to drag monofilament into the depths. Deep trolling devices such as planers and "down riggers" can also be used to take lures down. For most applications, however, plain straight wire does the job best.

In general, a line length-to-lure-depth ratio of 10-to-1 is standard, but each lure and trolling speed will alter this figure. Use this only as a rough guide. Because bluefish trolling is usually faster than bass trolling, your lures will run shallower.

In extremely deep water (over 45 ft.) you must use drails in addition to weighted line. Anywhere from 3 to 16 ozs. is standard. At these depths, planers are very helpful and down riggers become most practical.

The lures which bluefish are capable of engulfing during a normal season are numberless in variety and astounding in design. An angler's imagination can vary infinitely as he surveys his tackle shop wall or whittles an original of his own.

Reliable bluefish trolling lures include the following:

(1) Tube Lures: Any tube-like lure which is capable of showing a life-like wiggle in the water will fool a bluefish. Short tubes of 4" and 5" as well as snakes of 18" will lure strikes if they move seductively among the schools. Red, black, white, amber, and green - in that approximate order - are your most reliable colors. Look for good quality hooks, through-wire construction and built-in reliable action. Tube size, in terms of length as well as diameter, should approximate the size of the bait, or be in proportion to the size of the fish. Troll tubes at speeds which most bring out their built-in action. Wide latitude exists here. Multiple tube lures often out-produce singles. Their school-like appearance attracts more fish, and multiple hook-ups please the "hungries." Often small and medium-sized tubes out-fish "fatties."

(2) Jigs: Bucktail, nylon and feather jigs are old, old favorites among bluefish trollers. The best of these lures are lush and bushy, enlivened with pork rind. They are white, yellow, or mixtures of white-and-yellow, red, blue, green or black. Mylar streamers help. Jigs of one and two ounces are generally best, but smaller and larger ones must be remembered when fish of unusually small or large size are concerned. Jig fishing requires fast trolling and rapid jigging action (about 2 jigs per second). Wire line is almost a necessity as nylon will "rubber-band" too much and deep-trolling devices (planers and down-riggers) physically prevent jigging and can only be used at relatively slow speeds.

"Mop" lures and long nylon eel-jigs can be hot at times. Yellow, white and blue are all good color choices here.

(3) Spoons: Small to medium silvery spoons, trolled singly or as multiples (umbrella style) as well as giant bunker spoons are very appealing to blues. Furthermore, spoons are not jigged, which makes them very attractive and allows the use of deep trolling devices. Spoons should be trolled as fast as possible without allowing them to spin. Single-hook spoons are the most practical, but are not necessary as trebles will do the job.

(4) Swimming Plugs: Thin minnow plugs of approximately 7" are very reliable producers of all sized bluefish. No jigging is necessary. Larger plugs

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Strictly Casting

By Vince Guaglianone

Another Tinker Mackerel Surf?

MAYBE TINKER MACKEREL are in the surf right now, along the south shore of Long Island . . .

In October, 1966 we sliced the stomachs of big stripers beaches on lures in the surf of Jones Beach. We were not surprised to find stacks of tinker - or baby mackerel inside. Some were near 7 inches long. I sliced the belly of one of these macks, and a bunch of filmy spearing fell out.

The stomach contents of the bass did not surprise us because all the Jones Beach surf was full of macks trying to run seaward, but getting corraled by schoolie bass and medium biggies and real lunkers. Dozens of bright tinkers at once would leap through the swells, and often a striper's long silver body would entirely clear the water chasing the tinkers; chasing swimming plugs; chasing poppers which got swallowed; and bass unseen of course went for the big Hopkins too, dragged on the bottom. But I think it was this autumn, 1966 when the Rebel really came into its own. Even here in the front surf. Even the hard-to-cast floater; because how often were those sharp dorsal fins of bass cutting even through the wash, and you had to make a diagonal cast but not too far or the gamester would pass by before you could draw the plug up to it.

What a difference tinker mackerel made in this surf. Even some boat regulars had abandoned their boats to savor the real sport which had become so easy. When 1966 finished, we hoped that the next autumn would give more of the same.

But almost six years have now gone by. And as I wrote in my first article for this magazine last year: Precisely Where At West End:

"Even in the autumn the swells have not been full of stripers socking lures nearly every day for two or sometimes three weeks; after the temperature drops or after a hurricane blasts through. Not since 1966, when West End was just one stretch where . . . tinker mackerel filled the surf as though it were Rhode Island. The bass, including lunkers, were right in the wash and all along the beaches. To hit into even good-sized fish then, you didn't have to fuss too much over which tide might be best, or which lures, or which anything."

See the underlined words above? That's the point of a tinker mackerel surf. And although we have been hoping for six years, we have this year more than just hopes to cast by.

Mackerel spawn far out at sea. In the summer the babies need the shelter of bays and harbors, where tuna and other big fast enemies cannot get them. The young macks hide, rest, and feed on spearing and other small fry in the bays. But energy-burning macks also need cooler water for its greater oxygen content. This is why New England bays get most tinker schools in summertime. Yet this year, the same factor which had made the spring a late season, also sent tinkers into the summer waters of our western south shore again. Long Island bays stayed cooler this year than ordinarily, which invited some tinker schools.

It was very much due to the presence of tinkers during this July in Jones Inlet that several bass in the forties were beached on plugs, during the full moon period at July's end. This great action was our 'spring' run.

Once the tinkers enter a bay or harbor in the summer, they tend to remain till the fall, so long as the water does not get too warm. And there is little chance now for the bay water to get that warm. What remains of this Canadian summer is still getting blown through by winds mostly from the northwest. Cool winds. These and the air temperature-drop at night keep the water temperature from rising even in the bays. This is why I think, as well as hope, that the tinkers which are in all those back waters: from Jamaica Bay to Zach's Bay and the Great South Bay, will remain until the real seasonal temperature-drop in the fall. Then the main mass of tinkers will try to migrate seaward - and so will the big stripers that will feed on them as they go.

The best seasonal condition to have is a gradual cooling, before the real temperature drop. This makes for consistent surf fishing because then there are always some baitfishes moving out of the bays through the fall (and beginning now). Then when the real drop comes - the "cold snap" - it's like someone turned on a great faucet. (The cold snap triggers the big bass into migrating also, regardless of baitfish.) But during a gradually-cooling autumn, the macks could take two or three weeks to get out and move along the surf line. Then it would be 1966 all over again - or 1962 which was even better; especially along Point Lookout's front.

But two other factors could partially spoil this situation: a sudden and long Indian Summer; or, ironically, a hurricane. Either of these things could send the macks out all at once instead of gradually. Lucky if you are there while they are moving en masse out, sooner than our expectations. So especially this year, get to the beach after a hurricane. It seems to be a hurricane year; and anyway, 'right after a hurricane,' was always a standard rule; tinker mackerel or not.

Incidentally, a cold snap means a night (usually a night) that dips down to the 20's, or several nights in a row in the 30's. Prior to a cold snap, and even during a gradually-cooling season, most of the stripers caught are schoolies. Last year the snap came on November 5, after an unusually warm and long Indian Summer . . .

Tom Sharpe, who did well last year at Montauk in a late October north-

east storm, says that there are tinkers in Shinnecock Bay every summer; and this would help account for the good fall surf fishing most years along Tiana and South Hampton Beaches (both sides of Shinnecock Inlet) . . . I believe big Davey once advised me of the same thing. But I have not noticed a numerous tinker population in the autumn surf of the Hamptons these last years. However, this year?

Beginning the week of August 27, under the days and nights of a cool northwester the mullet started running seaward. These were in the surf and school bass were taken even on the incoming tide. There may be more mullet pouring out right now, but if there are no tinkers there will not be a lot of big bass in the surf until - again - the cold snap.

But you may need to get out fishing whenever you can this month, irrespective of conditions. Live or rigged eels, imitation eels, or big swimming plugs become very valuable now along the rock walls of the inlets . . .

The story on the western north shore is unusual this year. Bayville, for example, has had very few blues caught (up to September 9). Yet blues up to 15 pounds have occasionally come in very, very briefly. The thing here is the absence of moss bunker along the coast's edge.

Yet, without spawn bunker: West Meadow, a shore of Smithtown Bay has seen blues up to 12 pounds caught at danw and dusk when these grey-light hours coincided with high tide, during August's last two weeks. And on surface plugs. More recently the bunker came in briefly, with blues chasing; but for bait there had also been snapper blues and - says Mickey Chiarenza - tinkers present in the Nissequogue River. where you can cast at the River-mouth's western side . . .

Wherever you can get to, one thing for your operation remains true at any time. You have to focus your attention predominantly on a particular piece of water: Jones Jetty; Nissequogue River; et. al.; concentrating your efforts as though laying seige to a fortress till it surrenders its secret of migrating gamefish. This means casting along the same area at every available time off that you can reasonably slot for fishing. It also means looking for baitfish, and listening to the grapevine so that you can leave a home-beach to get to action at some fruther beach. Then, when you hit into big gamefish, you must be prepared to return again the very next night at the same tidal stage - explaining to the wife (for example) that THIS is it and you shall make up for the madness. This is the time to cancel social obligations, if you can: the night after you find the fish, and the next night. Not the following weekend for it is most likely that the lunkers will have moved off by then owing to changed conditions. And you will have to start searching all over again . . .

But two weeks of tinker mackerel means great fishing in the true surf. If these have been your first three or four years in the surf and you've not caught much: this autumn could be your unforgettable time. Then you'll never stop hoping for tinkers to come in again 'next' year. Which ends up becoming 'next' year. And 'next' year.

Well, after six years they are (or were) in those Long Island bays. Starting now, let's go see.

BUNKER DUNKIN'

treble hooks tied up above the weighted one for added insurance in foul-hooking my bait.

Now, if you foul-hook a bunker and as you are fighting it to the boat the line feels heavier than before, check the bait. You may find that he was hit or if you come in with just half a bait, it might be a sign of big bluefish under the bunker.

Most of the time when you swim a whole bunker into a school like this with only a single hook, the blues will chop the opposite end where the hook is attached. Here is where a bridle hook comes into play. All it is, is a stringer hook in the bait's tail. The bridle hook is made up of wire, a three-way swivel, a single treble and a single 6/0 hook. A four-inch piece of wire is attached to the single 6/0, then it is attached to the swivel. Fasten a six-inch piece of wire to the treble hook and attach this to the other end of the three-way swivel. Now you have a bridle rig. The single hook goes into the back or mouth of the bunker and the treble hook goes into or near the tail, careful not to imbed it too deep in the live bunker. If the backbone is touched, it will kill the bunker. Another way to attach the stringer hook in the tail is to lay the hook at the side of the bunker and put a rubber band around the tail and the hook. Let this bait swim into the school of bunker and hold on for the hit. This time you don't have to let the fish swallow it. As soon as the bait is picked up, come up on the rod tip and sink one of those hooks.

Bunker dunkin' is one of the biggest producers of cow bass. The system never seems to fail when the fish are around. Small fish just can't get that one or two pounds of bait down in one gulp, so they leave it alone. As it is said, "Big bait, big fish."

BLUEFISH HEAVEN

also take bluefish of all sizes, but are most deadly on monsters. Troll with any gear at moderate speed.

LEADERS: Short wire leaders (6" to 12") save lures and fish. Heavy mono leaders (50 lb. on wire) in addition to the wire leaders help, too!

TROLLING TACTICS: Troll in relationship to underwater structures (drop-offs, ridges, points, holes) as well as rips and surf lines. Watch birds. High birds mean deeper fish, low birds means surface or sub-surface action. Watch your ranges so you can return for more, and do not troll through schools; just skim the edges. Never troll through schools being worked by casters. Never troll through schools being worked by casters. Never!!

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BASS DERBY

The results of the Striped Bass Derby which took place this past weekend between the Huntington Angler members and friends were as follows:

First place, Joe LoCurto, 3 lbs. 2 ozs.; second, Don Urbanski, 3 lbs. 1 oz.; third, Kevin Ocker, 2 lbs. 14 ozs. Contingent prize, Don Didier, 2 lbs. 11 ozs.

The striped bass have been very small up until now; the above weights would be appropriate for trout, not bass.

The bluefishing is holding up, although they are not as big as usual. Snapper blues are in Huntington Bay. The larger blues are off Eaton's Neck and the Lighthouse Co. area.

Take your garbage *back* to the dock!

NATIONAL HUNTING and FISHING DAY September 23, 1972

by PETE FERSHTMAN

PRESIDENT NIXON, Governors, Mayors and County Executives across the nation have declared September 23, 1972 as NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY. In an age when proper use of our outdoor resources and respect for the heritage they offer us is so prevalent, this day of recognition is certainly in order.

In out-of-doors pursuits, Long Island is famous for its fishing, and rightly so. While most noted for its salt-water fishing, Long Island offers some of the finest fresh-water angling to be found in the Northeast. So much so that in years past dignitaries from foreign lands have traveled here to seek the Largemouth Bass and the various species of Trout. Even today, outsized fish of the various fresh-water fishes can be taken by anglers if they will avail themselves of the many inland waters that dot the island.

Many of the nation's largest manufacturers of fishing tackle and firearms will be opening their doors to the public on this day which is dedicated to the public who follows these out-of-doors pursuits. Clubs too, will be commemorating this day and much will be doing on Long Island. For the serious minded outdoorsman, and the occasional sportsman, various offerings on the island will enable him to learn of the many avenues to the out-of-doors that he may pursue.

For the fresh-water oriented fisherman, whether he runs to the mountains or fishes Long Island, The Fresh Water Anglers of Long Island, Inc. will hold an open house. This club, which is the island's oldest and largest non-profit club, devoted entirely to the fresh-water species, will open its property which is located on the shores of Forge Pond (Peconic River) to the public that day. They will present a far reaching range of exhibits pertinent to fresh-water angling. Among the many exhibits will be the following:

TACKLE DISPLAYS: Various types of tackle will be displayed by club members and personnel of nationally known fishing tackle manufacturers. Personnel will be on hand to discuss all of these items and their proper usage.

FISHING MAP DISPLAY: A twenty foot map of Long Island will be displayed showing Long Island's inland fresh-waters and the fresh-water species inhabiting them. Of interest is the fact that visitors may push a button on a console, for the fish of their choice, and an indicator on the map will light up showing the water this fish may be found in. An invaluable device for the angler who is first learning his way around the island.

FLY TYING: Fishermen who seek their quarry with a fly rod will find a section devoted to fly tying with both demonstrations and instructions in the offing. Various patterns will be discussed and their proper usage. Also included will be bass bugging techniques.

CASTING DEMONSTRATIONS & INSTRUCTION: For the angler who wants to brush up on, or improve his casting, insturctions will be given. Insturction in all types of casting, bait, spinning and fly will be given. No need to bring equipment as complete tackle will be supplied by The Fresh Water Anglers of Long Island and various tackle manufacturers. Come as you are and receive a certificate for having taken instruction in this phase of National Hunting & Fishing Day.

TAXIDERMY: A professional tasidermist will be on hand with a display to speak with the public and show the correct methods of caring for your trophy fish.

N.Y.STATE DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION: The Conservation Dept. will be on hand with personnel and a display to bring the story of their efforts on L.I. to the public. Come and find out about the Sea-Run Trout program and what the coming season has to offer. Bass and Pickerel will also be discussed to round out the fine resource of Long Island's fresh-water fishes.

LIVE FISH DISPLAY: The club will have a display of live fishes that are indigenous to Forge Pond. (Largemouth Bass, Pickerel and Panfishes.)

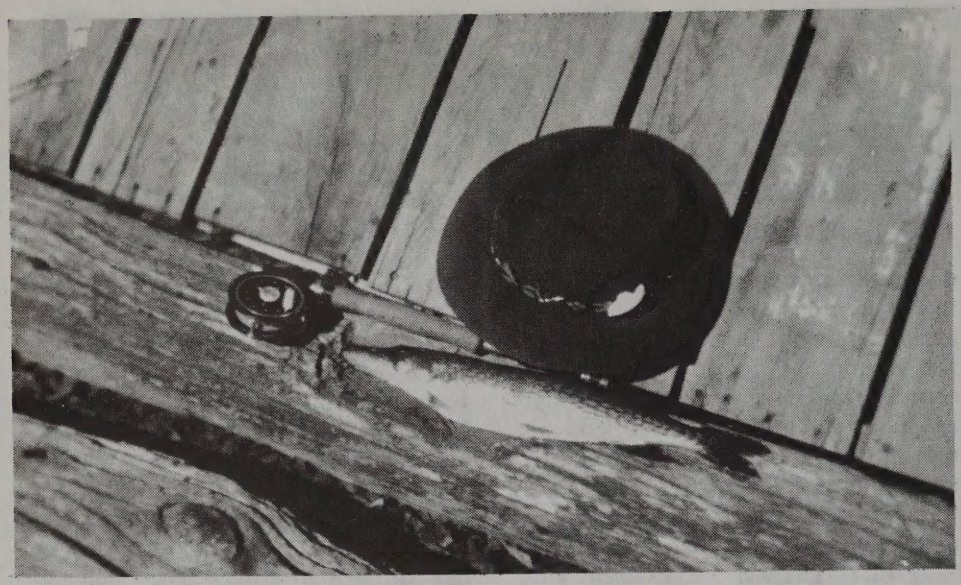
GENERAL FISHING EXHIBIT: This phase of the open house will be for the general public that wants to discuss fishing in all its facets. Personnel will be on hand to cover everything from panfishes to Northern Pike - and how to take 'em.

The event will take place on Saturday, September 23, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the FRESH WATER ANGLERS of L.I., Inc. property on South River Rd. in Calverton. Take L.I. Expressway to Exit 71 (Edwards Ave. and follow posted signs. All exhibits and events will be continuous all day - admission is FREE.

Salt-water fishermen who would like to take in a fine affair covering their pursuit should take heed of the Long Island exposition. This exposition, which will be held at Mac Arthur Airport, will span a five day period covering N.H.F. Day. Opening on Sept. 20th, it will run until Sept. 24 and offer the sportsman the following exhibits: Long Island Beach Buggy Assn., Suffolk County Fish & Game Assn., Suffolk County Federation of Sportsman's Clubs, Great South Bay Mobile Sport Fishermen, and a host of other clubs. Along with these and other exhibits, there will be a National Casting Tournament and Accuracy Casting exhibitions. Plenty here for the sportsman and the fine thing is that he can see it all and still take in the others on N.H.F. Day. General admission at the gate will be $1.50 for adults and 50¢ for children.

Hunters have not been overlooked on this out-of-doors national day of recognition. The Nassau County Fish & Game Association will hold Hunter Safety Training Courses at Takapausha Preserve in Seaford. The sessions will be held in the preserve's auditorium and will qualify participants for a New York State Hunting license. The course, which is mandatory to qualify for a license, will be repeated at other locations. Dates and locations can be had from instructors at Takapausha Preserve on National Hunting & Fishing Day. The course is FREE to all participants.

If you have ever wondered about any of these out-of-doors pursuits, or are an active participant in hunting or fishing, make it your business to get to at least one of these exhibitions and instruction seminars. Pay your respects on September 23, National Hunting & Fishing Day and let everyone know what true conservationists the followers of the woods and waters are.



Pickerel taken from Wildwood, Oct. '70.

Bass taken from the shore July '71.

Wildwood Lake

By Don Vetter

BY THE SIMPLE EXPEDIENT of sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to The Department of Environmental Conservation, 4175 Veteran's Memorial Highway, Ronkonkoma, New York 11779, you may obtain contour maps of lakes Ronkonkoma and Wildwood, a trout stocking list and even a list of Long Island carp-fishing waters (what about goldfish?). Study the map of Wildwood Lake; it can clue you into some of the hottest freshwater fishing on the Island.

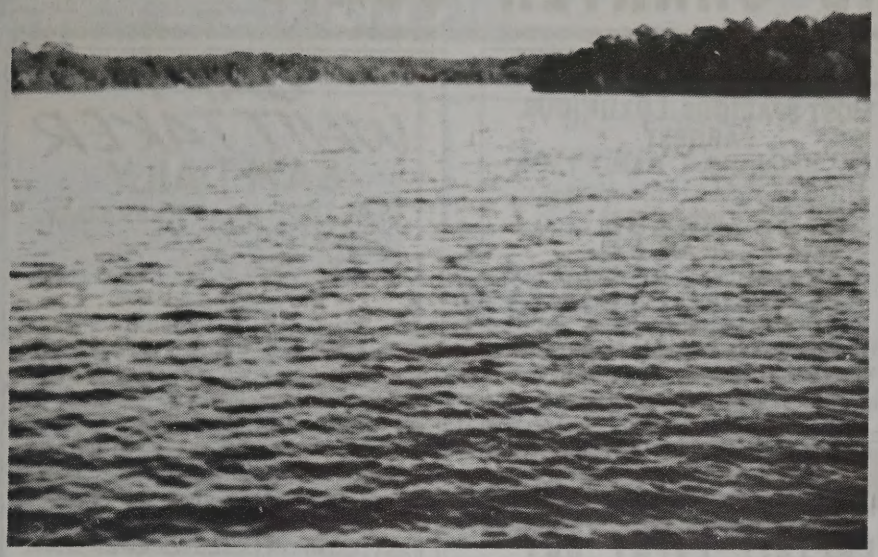
Since taking over this column, I have spoken to a number of anglers who have (some of my advice) fished this body of water. I'm sorry to report their catches were rather meager, in the main. Complaints of hordes of undersized perch (both white and yellow) were all too common. While I would be the first to admit that I don't ALWAYS knock them dead at Wildwood. I have had some excellent catches from time to time. The discrepancy must be the result of methods employed, so the best I can do is impart to you the methods I have success with here.

First, the matter of perch. As in many of our waters, they are overabundant, and it would be difficult to avoid catching some, particularly at the North (shallow) end of the lake. Keep what perch you do catch; this will help thin the ranks, and they are eminently edible. Fishing from the shoreline is possible at the North end (right off the Riverhead Road), but this will keep you from some of the best spots. Rent a boat; Mrs. Charles Ely (5 Lake Road, Riverhead) has several nice ones at the Northeast corner of the lake.

I will review the species available, where and how to catch them, starting with trout. Both browns and rainbows are present, and may be taken by the same methods in the same locations. It pains an inveterate fly fisherman to admit it, but this is not the way to get them here most of the time. Only in the early spring and late fall, are trout to be found in the shallows in any numbers. As the map indicates, the deep water here is in the South end of the lake. The trout generally feed at one specific depth, and since it is difficult to know the exact depth a lure is traveling at (with the exception of up and down jigging), bait is the route to go. Take a water-proof marking pen and mark your mono at 3 foot intervals, starting at the No. 2 or 4 Eagle Claw hook that should be your terminal tackle. Now run upwind and drift across the deep section of the lake.

Two rods (spin sticks preferred) will allow you to fish two different depths, till you have the fish pinned down. Put on a split shot or two, a foot above the hook, bait up with a nightcrawler or lively killie (or one of each - you're using two rods?) and start off with one rig 9 feet deep and the other at 12. If you get no takers after a drift or two, lower each rig to the next mark (12 and 15 feet). Keep drifting and lowering till you find the depth they are feeding at. When you take your first trout, fish both rigs at the depth you caught him at and you're in business. Salmon eggs may be used on one of the rigs, as they have a special attraction for rainbows, but the worms or killies will often serve as well.

Pickerel are fairly abundant in Wildwood, and some of them run about as large as you'll find anywhere on the Island. The sand bar on the West shore (look at your map), is a favorite pickerel hangout. The aforementioned lively killie (fished unweighted) will take them, as will spinners or streamer flies. October is the best pickerel month here, and I invariably catch my biggest trout of the year at this sand bar - when the



Wildwood Lake

Brown trout taken from Wildwood Lake in 1971.

season is closed and I must return him to the water, as with the 23 inch brown I caught (and released) on October 1, 1969. Pickerel can be found almost anywhere in the shallow end, if the perch don't beat them to your offering.

Bass can be taken from almost any of the shoreline pockets that provide enough depth and cover for them. The small cove, just North of the sand bar is a particular bass hotspot. Any of the usual methods for bass will work, with the black plastic worm at the head of the list.

That about covers this most underfished of Long Island's larger ponds, so get out there and give it a workout. If the gamesters don't cooperate, oh well; there's always plenty of perch . . . Good luck and tight lines.

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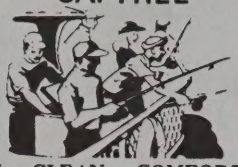

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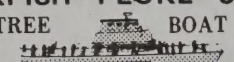
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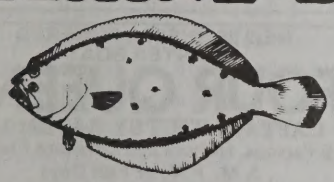
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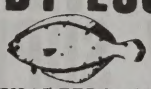
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Hudson River Report

by PETE BARRETT

CLAVERACK

A 34' 'Norlunge' was the talk of he town last week taken by Irv Freiling rom Lake Kopake. The big fish, a cross etween a northern pike and muskelunge, it a large shiner and battled for over 20 inutes according to Nack's Tackle Shop efore it slid into a landing net. Trout ishing in Claverack Creek, Columbia reek and the Roeliff Jansen Kill is ood with nymphs and small terrestrials aking browns running about 13" aver-ge. Smallmouth fishing in Columbia reek has fallen off drastically but the o Jan still produces well at the 9G ridge. Look for better fishing here as e water cools.

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KINGSTON

Roy's Bait & Tackle hasn't seen too many smallmouth bass in the last week, but attributes this to the storm over the weekend. Things should return to normal and then improve with cooler weather. One fish taken last Friday before the rains reportedly weighed 4 lbs. 7 oz. and was caught by Jim Outhers on a small silver Rebel and light spinning tackle. The two best locations are Roundout Creek and the Esopus where they empty into the Hudson.

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WAPPINGERS FALLS

Al Brenenstoul of the B & M Bait Shop says the change in the weather and the cool nights has put the fish down temporarily but looks for better large-mouth fishing next week. All the fish of last week were small going only to 1½ lbs. Catfish provided most of the action on Wappingers Lake for the worm dunkers. On the Hudson, stripers are hitting more readily on blood worms and sand worms, and across the River at Cornwall the persistant and consistant Tom Lake of New Windsor is tagging and releasing bass from just legal size to over 5 lbs. According to Tom the best tides is the outgoing and plugs like the Mee-Mee, Reble and Pt. Jude poppers produce as well as sand and blood worms. He fishes to the left of the Cornwall Yacht Club.

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VERPLANCK

Ace Lent of Ace & Charlie's Tackle Shop says the small snapper blues are all over Haverstraw Bay but most locals are still concentrating on the excellent blue crabbing. Snappers are available at all the tidal outflows and many of the freshwater creeks that join the River. Popolopen Creek is also good for snappers and perch. Oscawanna is the most productive shore spot for snappers.

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Hudson River Fishermens Association director Bob Boyle always has a report whenever I talk to him of unusual catches from the River, such as when he caught juvenile Jack Crevalle from Senesqua Beach. This time the report is of Brown trout from Senasqua caught by two local boys from a freshwater drain pipe. The trout probably washed out of the Croton River in the springs excessive rain fall and relocated by the nearest freshwater supply. Bob and his son Peter have been having good trout angling in the Croton River near the dam on nymphs and wet flies.

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OSSINING

"Snappers, snappers and more snappers" says Tony's Bait & Tackle. The tiny fish are carpeting the Hudson and are easy pickings on silver flashy lures. Kemmies Cove, Bishops Rocks, the Sing-Sing lighthouse and Tellers Point are the hottest spots but the fish are everywhere. Stripers have been reported at Sing-Sing area taken on blood and sand worms. The crabbing and white perch fishing are also excellent. On the freshwater side, the Amawalk Reservoir and Croton Lake hold steady for largemouth and smallmouth bass. Locals like Midge Coub, Bob Brady and Leon White report fish to 3 lbs. on the average with a few running to 4½ and 5 lbs. Crayfish get the smallmouth and rubber worms the largemouth.

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FORT LEE

Striper fishermen drew a blank at the Spuyten Duyvil last week but snappers saved the day. Crab baits should bring a few more stripers before the plugging season starts here. At the Statue of Liberty, Al Gennen trolled 30 plus blues of 4-6 lbs. on Monday after the weekend winds died down. Umbrella rigs accounted for all his fish. At the Interstate Park most fishermen are seeking white perch and crabs although small stripers are beginning to show. Jero Savianeso had some good snapper fishing at Piermont creek by the second bridge using a side-winder spoon. Killies are taking larger snappers and Harbor blues to 1½ lbs.

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BLUEFISH! BLUEFISH! BLUEFISH!

Every call I made, every tackle shop and fishing station I checked with, up and down the line, had the same report: Bluefish by the million, either seen or caught, and the promise of an even more explosive run to come.

In WESTPORT, Ed Boland told of the waters around Sunken Island, where the choppers have been cavorting all week, and came up an hour before dark, and stayed up, despite speeding and trolling boats all over the place. He told of Nick Curcione and John Posh, who found a school of bass in Stratford waters, and fly-rodded for better than 13 fish. He told of a trip to 11B when wire broke and snap swivels parted as the Tri-Fin Eel was belted time after time. He told of the snappers redhot in Southport, and the mid-week bonanza at Compo Beach when the surf addicts finally scored heavily.

In NORWALK, Bruce Mola had a tale of how he and cousin Rick had scooted over to Eaton's Neck and fished around Can 13 for two dozen choppers, and how Vinny had hit 56 in a day trolling the same area.

Bob Utz mentioned a triplet of 8 pounders which wife Rita had tallied, casting poppers off Spangles Boat Yard, right among dozens of anchored sailboats, and how he'd fished for two straight hours, following a school from Buoy 24A off Goose Island to the Darien Lighthouse, and hit fish on every cast.

Whether the fishing is actually better in WESTCHESTER waters or the anglers more enthusiastic is not for me to decide, but they certainly aren't wanting for bluefish. Charlie Ferris at Milton Point told how Danny Catalano had just come in with 30 blues to 14 lbs. The mossbunkers were inside the creek. They were also in MAMARONECK waters, where Fred Archer was equally excited. Anglers there are snagging a few bunkers off the dock before they head out, and supplying themselves with bait. The blues are inside Mamaroneck Harbor, and any method is working to catch them.

Doug Van Wynen had many fish stories to relate. Doug Carlson had added another 26 lb. striper to his RELEASE score for the year, but then back to bluefish. Bill Haughs wire-lined a large surgical tube for an extra-large 19 lb. blue, while John Harston took an 18 lb. blue from shore on 10 lb. test line. Rudy Biagi hit five, ranging from 15 to 17 pounds, and Joe Torjak racked up 30, fishing alone with poppers. Chuck Longo and party took 41 in an afternoon. Brother Mike Longo stopped to show a 35 lb. bass,a nd Bert Peleaz from Grass Island took a 34 lb. striper from shore at Steamboat Rd., Greenwich's fishing pier, overcrowded as it might be. Fourteen year old Ty Anderson scored with a 30 lb. fish.

Bill Haughs fish had also been weighed in at Jack's Bait & Tackle in Stamford. Jack reported bluefish almost anywhere a fisherman throws his plug, or trolls a lure. The Golden Eye Troublemaker is a hot popper here. Snappers are still thick in Holly Pond, and crabbers are also cleaning up there.

Roy at Bob's Bait passed along another ultra-light bass tale. Ray Leja hit the fish off Fayerweather, drifting sandworms. Blues hit the beaches in FAIRFIELD too, with a big night prior to the weekend. Snappers too, are running 10 to 12 inches in outside waters around Penfield now, and only a couple of inches smaller in the creeks like Pine Creek and Ash Creek.

At the Sportsman's Den, Stowie too had a surf story to tell. Thurman Watson, one of the Pleasure Beach faithfuls, came in just before closing time, arm-weary and smiling. He'd found them at Pleasure Beach, and had a fish on every cast, with some of the blues running to 9 and 10 lbs. Stowie

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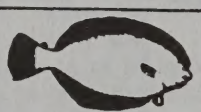

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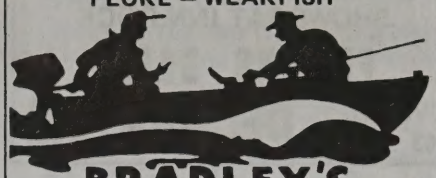

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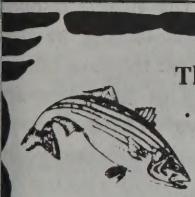

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Ted Ferrante at Marine Sports told of partner Larry Lalaia's son, Larry, who picked up 35 off Buoy 18, and Phil Marazita who took 23 in an evening.

In NEW HAVEN, Walt Janeczek tells us the traffic jams are beginning on Rte. 95 near Long Wharf. Butterfish are coming in and porgies are thick here in Milford and West Haven. Bluefish action isn't lacking here either, with plenty of surface activity. Blackfish are picking up with the start of fall, though they've been around all summer long in these waters.

PORGIES are the rave up and down the line, and if the blues weren't so thick, they'd probably be the most popular fish available. The little scrappers are in almost every creek and bay and river bordering Long Island Sound, and they're really hungry. Norwalker Bob Utz told of fishing a hundred yards off Cockenoe Island, and catching 70 in less than an hour, with only a dozen worms in the boat. Other good reports are coming in from the Saugatuck River to Calf Pasture Pier in Norwalk, and the Mianus in Greenwich.

Mackerel, too, are available, with most of the action in Stamford waters. Chris at Pat's Marina told of catching them right off the dock, so it looks like an excellent run here too taking shape.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH ALL THE BLUES?

Those first reports of fish left laying on the dock are beginning to filter in, and as the fishing gets better, the market price drops for those of you who have been selling your fish. So, you don't want to stop fishing.

In every community there are people who love fish and will use them. Try contacting your clergyman for a lead as to who would appreciate a bluefish dinner. If you're still having trouble, and want to keep on fishing, it's a simple matter to remove those treble hooks from your poppers and replace them with ONE single long-shank hook. You can then land your fish relatively unharmed, and release it to catch again next year. To go a step further, file off the barb on that hook, and simply twist the hook out fo the fish's mouth at the boat, being VERY CAREFUL not to get too close to those razor teeth. If your catch for the day is being put to good use, enjoy, but there's no one on this earth who can call himself a sportsman when his catch ends up in the garbage can or smelling up the dock. Right now it's pretty hard to remember that the blues arrived late.

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ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy Rubin of Henning's Fishing Station reported that weakfish from 2 to 5½ lbs. are located in 20 to 30 feet of water from Long Beach to the end of Rockaway. Squid strips are being used for bait. When the weaks are thick, use a diamond jig. The deeper waters off Sea Bright, N.J. and off the Rockaways are producing big blues. Big tuna can be located south of the B.A. Buoy, about 3 miles SSE, at the north end of the Mud Hole. Fluke of 5 lbs. and better are at Reynolds Channel. These fluke are big but spotty. Use spearing, smelt, small snappers, small herring, or if you can get them, tinker mackerel. At Atlantic Beach Bridge, striped bass up to 15 lbs. are being taken on clam bellies. Snapper blues are plentiful. Blue claw crabs are at Bannister Creek. Woodmere Channel has a few kingfish, a few flounder, and blackfish are starting to show.

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JAMAICA BAY

John Brando of the Cross Bay Rod & Gun Shop reported that North Channel Bridge is producing some nice weakfish ranging from 2 to 4 lbs. You can use worms or squid for bait. Flounders are starting to show along the same area. Worms alone work on the flatties. Large blue claw crabs and plenty of snappers are also available for the bridge fishermen. The striped bass fishing at the bridge is slow and the fish that are taken are small. Weakfish can be taken in most parts of the bays. The best spot for boatmen is the area from Pumpkin Patch to Blackwall. Good fluking is taking place from Ruffle Bar to Floyd Bennett. These fish go to 3 lbs. and they are taking spearing, killies and squid. There are plenty of sand porgies throughout the bay and small bass are at J.F.K. Airport. Both species are taking worms.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Joe Lauro of Stella Maris Fishing Station reported that bluefish from 6 to 14 lbs. are off Sea Bright to Sandy Hook. These choppers are being chummed up. If this doesn't work, umbrella rigs do the job. From the Round House to the Tin Can Grounds, anglers are taking school sized bass on clam bellies or umbrella rigs. Fluke can be taken from Riis Park to the Rockaway Jetty using spearing, squid or killies. Tuna is the word off of the B.A. Buoy. School sized fish and plenty of fish up

to 85 lbs. are being chummed and trolled out there. Jamaica Bay has weaks, snappers, porgies and blue claw crabs to keep everyone happy.

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STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reported that the big news locally is weakfishing. Surfcasters are getting these fish along the Verrazano shore and Prince Bay. Boatmen are picking them up at the entrance to Great Kills Harbor, Annadale and Buoy 4. These weaks run from 2 to 4 lbs. and are falling for sandworms and strips drifted. Boatmen are getting the bigger weaks. Snappers and porgies can be found all along the Staten Island shoreline. The striped bass action has been steady, but the fish are mostly shorts. Annadale has had the best bass action for the last couple of days. Surfcasters do well on the blues at night. Boat trollers do well both day and night. Blue claw crabbing has been good all over.

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SANDY HOOK

Capt. Bunting (Bunt to all that know him), skipper of the "Sea Horse," reports that the fishing was very good over the weekend for blues. The Bell Buoy and Can Buoy in the Shrewsbury Rocks area had a large concentration of small blues in the 2 to 4 lb. range. The high hook was Angie DeAngelo of Orange, N.J. with 55 choppers. Most of the anglers had about 10 to 15 blues each. Boats from Sheepshead Bay, Atlantic Highlands, Staten Island and Hoboken were all gathered at Shrewsbury over the weekend. Fishing was very good during the week on jumbo sized blues at Rattle Snake. Blues up to 16½ lbs. were caught at this area. Charter boats did well on weakfish at the Knoll in Sandy Hook Bay. One charter boat had over 130 good sized weaks at this area. Bottom fishermen did an outstanding job on fluke off the New Jersey State Park and the Monmouth Park area. Bass sharpies are picking up small stripers off the Golf Ball every night.

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SHARK RIVER

Capt. Al Shinn, skipper of the "Miss Belmar," reported that fishing in general has been excellent. Bottom fishermen are picking up sea bass and porgies at Sea Bright. There are loads of weaks along the beach from Long Branch to Manasquan Inlet. The fluke boats are doing better now than they have all season. The blue fishing is excellent both day and night at the Klondike.

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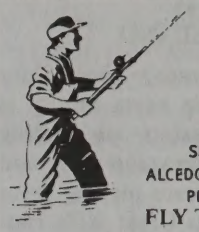

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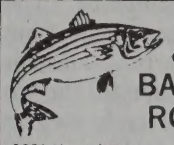

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MANASQUAN

John Bogan, who runs the Bogan Docks, reported that bluefishing was terrific at the Klondike and Manasquan Ridge over the weekend. Most of the blues cuaght are in the 8 to 10 lb. class, with a few jumbos of 15 and 16 lbs. mixed in. Also mixed in with the blues are tuna, albacore and bonito. Night fishing on blues is excellent also. Open boats sailing on half days are hitting weaks along the beach near Bay Head. These weaks run from 2½ to 3½ lbs. The boats fishing the bottom had a very good week on sea bass and a few porgies. The best areas for these fish were the wrecks near Spring Lake and off Montoloking. The open boat "Jamaica" fished for tilefish at Hudson Canyon over the weekend. Saturday produced fair catches, however, on Sunday, anglers killed the tiles that went from 20 to 35 lbs.

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North Shore Reports

CITY ISLAND

Jack Rumpf of Jack's Bait & Tackle reported good bluefish action is taking place. Choppers up to 17 lbs. are being taken. During the week a 19¾ lb. blue was weighed in. Anglers are using bunker cut into strips as bait. The Sound is full of blues and some of the hot spots are Hart's Island, No Nations and Middle Reef. There are lots of sand porgies and plenty of snappers available. Blackfish are starting to show now.

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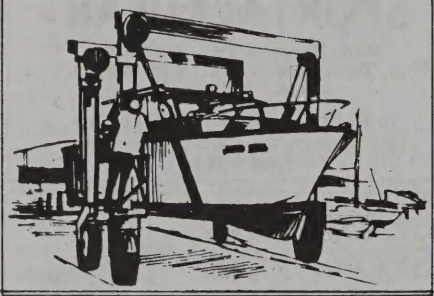

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WHITESTONE

Vinnie of Vets Fishing Station reported good bluefishing in Little Neck Bay near Fort Totten. These fish run from 10 to 12 lbs. Bunker strips or chunks are working best as bait. Blackfishing has started by the Stepping Stone Light and there are plenty of sand porgies for the taking. Snappers are all over the place. Some nice blue claw crabs are available.

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BAYVILLE

Norm's Bait & Tackle reported very good bluefishing around Lloyds Neck and around Centre Island Reef. These choppers are active both on top and down deep. Tubes are working best when trolled. One very good producer is the Flo Troll. Any of the known poppers works well on top. There are plenty of sand porgies around and worms work best as bait. Snappers are plentiful.

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COLD SPRING HARBOR

Milt Powles of Vets Fishing Station reported that bluefish going to 11½ lbs. are west of Eaton's Neck Light. These choppers were chummed, trolled and taken on top with plugs. Snapper fishing is very good. Sand porgies are everywhere, with the larger ones in the deeper holes. Blackfishing is starting and is doing very well about a ½ mile past the lighthouse. There are loads of short stripers at both the east and west shores. Worms or plugs do the trick.

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NORTHPORT

Ted Bowmann of Bowmann's Sporting Goods reported bluefish are all over the Sound. There are lots of blues on top about 300 yards offshore. They sometimes run right up to the beach for the surfmen. Poppers are doing very well on these blues which run anywhere from 5 to 12 lbs. The anglers that go further offshore are doing very well with wire and any kind of tube. Some of these fish are quite large. Porgy fishing is very good right now with the fish going 1 to 1½ lbs. These fish are very close to shore and they are taking squid or clams. Clams have a slight edge. Blacks are starting to show along the shore and these fish go to 5 lbs. and better. In the bay, snapper and sand porgy fishing remains good. Shiners work well on both species. A few bass have been taken at night in the Sound, however, this fishing is still basically slow.

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SMITHTOWN

George Pankovcin of The Beacon On The Sound reported very good bluefish action in this area. Crane's Neck and Kings Park, about 3 to 4 miles out, are good. Wire line with tubes or umbrella rigs are used. George said you shouldn't be surprised if you hook into a bonito. John Bishop of Kings Park, while bluefishing, hooked himself a bonito. These fish average 5 to 6 lbs. Flounders, sand porgies and snappers are in the Nissequogue River. Worms will do the trick here. Scott (no last name), of San Remo, lucked into a lunker bass while bluefishing during the week. This bass weighed in at 42 lbs. and was trolled with wire.

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PORT JEFFERSON

Capt. Joe Cash, skipper of the "Port Jeff Ace," reported that the bluefishing was very good all week. Fishing at Crane's Neck, Old Field Point and Port Jefferson Harbor produced blues to 12 lbs. There are plenty of blues for everyone. On Friday night, the Long Island Sportsman Rod & Gun Club of Ridge, L.I. did very well with the blues. Some of these blues passed the 12 lb. mark. Saturday night was a carbon copy of Friday night's trip. On Sunday, the wind blew up and so the Port Jeff Ace anchored at Crane's Neck for some porgy fishing. These porgies went to 1½ lbs.

The Caraftis Fishing Station reported that blues can be taken deep or on top inside the harbor or outside by the left jetty at Old Field Point. The blues that are inside are moving with the tide and they are staying under the bunker. Use bunker chunks anywhere from the powerhouse to the buoys. When outside, use wire with tubes, spoons, umbrella rigs or bucktails. You shouldn't have any toruble in landing 8 lb. blues. Keep your eyes on top as these choppers are breaking on the surface and going for poppers. Be prepared for anything. Inside you can have kingfish, sand porgies and snappers. Outside the porgies are larger, running about 1 to 1½ lbs. Worms and clams are working best. A few bass are being taken, however, they are mostly schoolies and a lot of throw backs.

Capt. John Fischer, skipper of the "Betty W," reported good bluefishing in the middle of the Sound. "We have to hunt these fish down but everyone goes home happy. On Saturday, the

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MOUNT SINAI

Ralph Davenport of Ralph's Fishing Station reported good porgy fishing about 1 mile straight out of the harbor. These fish run 1 to 1½ lbs. Some sea bass are mixed in with the porgies. Snappers are plentiful in the harbor. Some flounders are hitting worms now. Paul Vicino of Mt. Sinai weighed in the top blue so far. This chopper went 11 lbs. 15 ozs. and was taken on a bucktail at Middle Ground. The blues average 7 to 9 lbs. and most of the action is along the beaches anywhere from Buoy 11 to Buoy 9. These fish are both on top and down deep so be ready to troll or plug for them. Tubes, bucktails, umbrella rigs and poppers are working well.

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PECONICS

Bill Lieblein of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station reported there are weakfish in Peconic Bay, Buoy 18 and they are going to 4 lbs. Buoy 16, Noyac Bay and the Brickyard have their share of weakfish too. Squid and worms are working well. Porgies up to 1 lb. are plentiful at Cedar Beach east to South Ferry and off the Windmills. Clams, worms and squid are employed as bait. Blackfish are starting to show and they will be getting better soon. These fish go to 4 lbs. and crabs or skimmers may be employed as bait. Flounders are starting to show but this fishing is still very slow. Blues are very dependable at the Race, the Gut and Pigeon Rip. Jigging takes choppers up to 15 lbs. Afternoon fishing at the east side of Shelter Island is producing smaller blues from 1 to 3 lbs. by trolling. Striped bass fishing is very slow. There was one report of a 34 lb. striper taken in the Sound. It was plugged on Sunday by an unknown angler.

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GREENPORT

Art White of White's Tackle Shop reported that Plum Gut, Pigeon Rip and the Race are producing 12 to 14 lb. blues. Larger blues are mixed in. You must jig these tackle busters out there. For the shore fishermen, the eastern shores have their share of blues. A 9½ pounder was weighed in. They are hitting Hopkins, Creek Chubs and Striper Swipes. Small schoolie sized bass are being taken off the beaches at Southold and Orient. Occasionally a larger bass is plugged at the same spots. Porgy fishing is good at Gardiners Island and Green Hill. Larger porgies are mixed in with the sand porgies. Clams and worms work best.

Capt. Bill Jensen, skipper of the "Wilhelric," reported very good porgy and blackfishing. The porgy fishing is best near Constallation Rock and off Gardiner's Island. Some good blackfishing takes place at these areas also.

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NEW SUFFOLK

Sal Loria of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reported that weakfishing is very good around Roses Grove. The baits that are working best are squid and worms. The North and South Race areas are producing nice porgy action. Worms and skimmers are the bait to use for these 2 pounders. Middle Ground has just about everything to make for a good day's fishing. Weakfish, kingfish, porgies, bluefish and snapper blues are available. The blues average 3 to 4 lbs. and they are being jigged on Hopkins or diamond jigs. The weaks go a few pounds each and they are taking squid. Gardiners Bay and the Gut area has blues in the mid-teens, with an occasional tackle buster near 20 lbs.

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South Shore Reports

MONTAUK

Capt. Richie Rade, skipper of the "Marlin III," reported that bottom fishing off the Point is excellent. Porgy fishing is outstanding, with many of these humpbacks running 3 pounds and better. Good sized sea bass and blackfish are mixed in with the porgies. "Fishing has been good all week, and the weekends can only be termed as terrific."

Capt. George Glas, skipper of the "Hel-Cat," reported that the bluefishing is nothing short of terrific at the Race. Anglers are clobbering these blues which run to 20 lbs. The average size is about 12 lbs. and the better fishermen are catching 18 to 20 fish per trip. Capt. Glas said, "It only takes 55 minutes to get to the Race, and the blues are always there. There is no hunting around to find them."

Capt. Frank Backnick, skipper of the

"Viking Starlite," reported very good codfishing at Block Island during the week. Cod up to 15 lbs. are being caught and most anglers are loading up their sacks with these fish. Bluefishing is good at night on the weekends. The "Viking Star," skippered by Capt. Paul Forsberg, has been doing an excellent job on big cod at Coxes Ledge. Many of the Coxes Ledge cod run from 35 to 50 lbs.

Bob Killey of the Montauk Marine Basin reported that bluefishing is excellent at the Cartwright Grounds. This is the finest kind of fishing on blues which run 18 to 20 lbs. Tuna are still offshore southeast of the Point about 18 miles off. The striped bass action was good during the week. Bass up to 48 lbs. were taken off the Light, the Elbow and Pollack Rip. Albacore are mixed in with the bass and, of course, blues are around too. The shark fishing remains good southeast of the Light, just outside the Butterfish Hole. The Fin & Feather Association is holding their Annual Bass and Bluefish Tournament Tuesday through Thursday. $15.00 is the entrance fee.

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SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows, Jr., skipper of the "Capt. Clark," reported that the porgy fishing is nothing short of terrific. "We have been fishing the wrecks in Peconic Bay and the area is loaded with these fish. Bill Cook and Ray Porter, of Jamaica, Queens, caught 168 porgies and about 27 weaks. A few blackfish have been taken also. Capt. Clark, Sr., skipper of the "Capt. Clark II," has been doing very well on the fall run of weakfish just west of Robins Island.

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HAMPTON BAYS

Ernie Berhle of Bradley's Fishing Station reported pretty good fluke fishing near the inlet. The fluke aren't big; they run 2½ to 4 lbs. Two to three pound weakfish are mixed in with the fluke. Snappers are all over the place. Flounders have started in the Basket area. Peconic Bay has some good porgy fishing. Some weaks and small blues are being caught in the Peconics also.

Ted DeCastri of the Three Aces Fishing Center reported a few bass and weaks are being caught under the Ponaquot Bridge at night. The bays are loaded with snappers. Bluefishing has been very poor. The porgy and weakfishing has been very good in Peconic Bay. Tom Marello of Hampton Bays caught five good sized fluke in the East Channel.

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SAG HARBOR

Ed Jacobsen of the Noyac Marina reported the weakfishing off Jessups Neck and the Monastery has improved both in quantity and size of fish caught. Sal Buccola of Dix Hills, Frank Catromo of Queens, and Sal Titolo of Noyac had about 20 weaks in the 3 to 4 lb. range and a good number of kingfish and porgies. Squid drifted off the yacht club turned the trick.

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MORICHES

Bob Seifert of the Silly Lily Fishing Station reported good fishing over the weekend. Fluke were taken at the Elbow, Buoy 34 near the inlet. Weakfishing is good right in front of the station and Hart's Cove. Buoy 43 has weaks, sea bass, kingfish and some flounders. Kings and flounders are at Buoys 33 and 34. Snappers are all over. Crabbing is fair.

Ben Tadsen of Tadsen's Fishing Station reported that there are lots of fish around but due to loads of baitfish and small blowfish stealing baits, the fishing can only be rated as fair. Some keeper size fluke are in the old and new cuts and Buoy 27. The weaks have scattered. The best areas seem to be Buoy 29 and off the Brown House. Snappers are active all over.

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MASTIC

Ronnie Keenan of Keenan's Fishing Station reported that the only angling worthwhile is crabbing, and this takes place only at night. Kingfish are scattered all over the bay and this fishing can only be rated as fair. A few weakfish were taken at Buoy 23. Snapper fishing is fair.

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SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station reported that Saturday was by far the best day of the week for fishing. "No question about it, the fall run is on," said Dennis. Weaks, kings, blues, blowfish and some fluke are being caught in the flats to the east of Brown's Creek Jetty. Catches range from a low of 20 to 25 fish per boat to a high of 60 fish. Squid is the best all around bait. Chuck Dunbar of Queens had 50 weaks up to 4 lbs., 10 kings, one of which weighed 1½ lbs., 2 fluke and some blowfish. Otto Bezler of Maspeth had 60 weaks up to 5 lbs. John Bucarlo and wife Loreen, of Brooklyn, had 30 weaks and 8 kingfish.

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CAPTREE

Capt. Bobby Joseph of the Joseph Fleet reported what may be the largest bluefish caught in his area so far this year. Warren Moore, of Babylon, hooked and landed a 20 lb. 8 oz. chopper near the artificial reef off Fire Island. Capt. Bill Joseph, senior skipper of the Joseph Fleet, reported that the bluefishing in general has been exceptionally good. "These blues are the biggest we have had in many seasons."

Capt. Frank Swanson, skipper of the "Sanco II," reported good fluke fishing from the inlet to the lighthouse. These fish go 2 lbs. and better and they are taking squid and spearing. Blackfish are starting to show around the lighthouse area. A few sea bass and weakfish are available also.

Capt. Carl Bauer, skipper of the "Capt. Whittaker," reported there are plenty of fluke to be had anywhere from the inlet to the bridge. These fish go to 4 lbs. with larger fish mixed in occasionally. Sea bass from a ½ to 2 lbs. and porgies are also available. Blackfish up to 6 lbs. are being taken on crabs and this fishing should improve shortly.

Capt. Ben Litwin, skipper of the "Capt. Litwin," reported good fluke fishing at the bridge. Fluke up to 5 lbs. are being taken on killies or squid. All the anglers are going home happy. Steve (no last name) won the boat pool with his 5 pounder. Steve has been sailing with Capt. Litwin for around 15 years.

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BABYLON

Walter Schmidt of the Babylon Fishing Station reported that fishing in general has been good during the week. The weekend was a little slow. Fluking is holding up well between the Coast Guard Station and the inlet. Weakfishing is excellent just south of the Babylon pool and No. 7 Buoy. Both sides of the Captree Bridge has good weakfishing also. Crabbing is excellent under the bridge too. Snappers are abundant just about all over. Bluefish are being chummed at Steamboat Channel and a few have been trolled in the inlet. There are some sand porgies under the Captree Bridge. Striped bass fishing in the surf has been very slow.

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SEAFORD

Carmine Dell of Dell's Fishing Station reported Ray Klein and son, Ray, Jr., of the Bronx, caught 4 kingfish, 12 blowfish, 10 flounders, 8 porgies and 10 dogfish at the drain just east of the drawbridge. Ernest Ramirez and two friends, all from the Bronx, caught over a bushel of blue claw crabs at the drain at low water. Snappers are all over the bay.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of the Causeway Tackle Shop reported some striped bass action at the West End. These bass are taking plugs and worm baits. Paul Lesniak of Bellmore landed a 21¾ lb. striper drifting eels under the bridges. Bill and Rose Scanlon of Merrick had a good catch of kings and weaks near Wantagh Park. Snapper fishing is excellent. Crabbing is good all over.

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JONES INLET

Duke Zuzio of Seaford called to report that he caught a 12 lb. fluke on the east side of Jones Inlet drifitng squid and spearing. Twelve other fluke in the 2 lb. range were also caught by Mr. Zuzio and friends.

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FREEPORT

Capt. Jim Zook, skipper of the "Capt. Jim IV and V," reported good bass fishing at night under the Meadowbrook Bridge and Loop Bridge. Most of the bass are school sized, running 4 and 5 pounds. "We get a few over 10 lbs. Anglers average 9 to 12 bass per tide."

Capt. Richie Kessinger, skipper of Capt. Jack's "Star Stream," reported that the bluefishing at the Cholera Banks during the week was very good. Blues up to 16 lbs. took the pool on the Star Stream. On Sunday, the action moved a little south of the Cholera Banks, near the Acid Waters. Anglers also had some bonito up to 6 and 7 lbs. and some albacore up to 17 lbs. The charter boat "Norsman" had a 20 lb. 4 oz. blue on Friday.

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POINT LOOKOUT

Ed Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reported some nice catches of fluke are being made in Reynolds Channel and the flats. Benny and Izzy Kuzack of New York City caught 20 good sized fluke in these areas on Saturday. Kingfishing has been exceptional in Reynolds Channel. These 1 to 2 lb. kings are on the north side of the channel, about 50 ft. offshore. Loads of small sea bass are in the bay.

Capt. Art White, skipper of the "Angler II," reported that bluefish, bonito and albacore are being chummed at the Cholera Banks. The pool fish was an 18 lb. bluefish. "There are plenty of fish for everyone."

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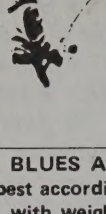

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Sun.	8:24	8:46
Mon.	9:07	9:30
Tues.	9:54	10:18
Wed.	10:43	11:12
Thur.	11:38	———
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	H.	M.
MANASQUAN	-0	12
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ROCKAWAY INLET	0	00
Bergen Beach	+0	29
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Gilgo Island	+2	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
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West Great South Bay	+2	10
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
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Smiths Point	+3	28
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Potuak Point	+3	35
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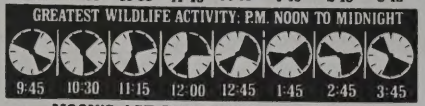

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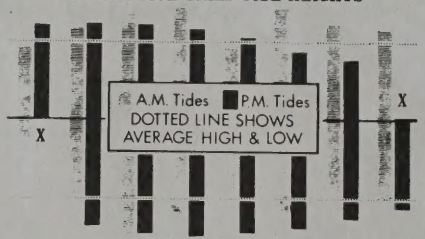

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Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
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Sat.	9:50	10:16
Sun.	10:33	11:03
Mon.	11:20	11:52
Tues.	———	12:09
Wed.	12:45	1:03
Thur.	1:45	2:04

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Southold	+1	43
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Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
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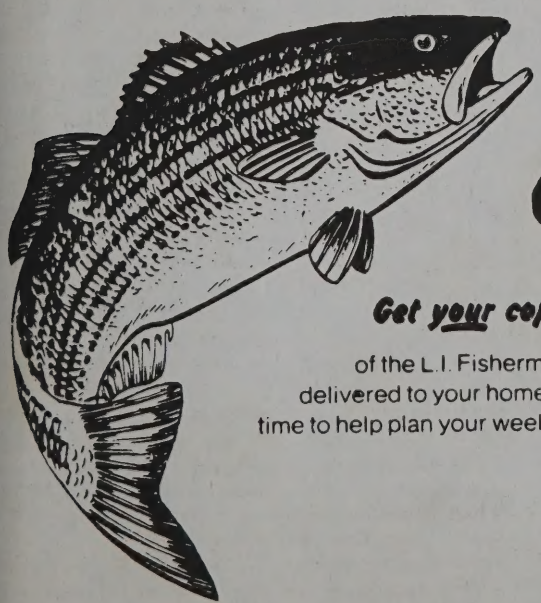

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